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From: Beslow, Mike
Sent: Mon 3/31/2014 7:32:12 PM
Subject: RE: Question on BP Whiting oil release

Kasey-

Yesterday, BP conducted a submerged oil assessment in accordance with a plan submitted to and approved by USCG and EPA. The plans were based off the principles that were successful in the Marshall release. The assessment teams that were overseen by EPA and USCG did not find any submerged oil.

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From: Barton, Kasey
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 2:23 PM
To: Beslow, Mike
Subject: FW: Question on BP Whiting oil release

Mike,

Is there anything I can report to Ms. Wallace regarding actions being taken to address/investigate whether any oil sank to the lakebed? I'm not sure what her interest is since this spill occurred in Indiana but I'd like to get back to her.

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From: Wallace, Elizabeth [<mailto:EWallace@atg.state.il.us>]

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 11:38 AM

To: Cantello, Nicole; Barton, Kasey

Subject: RE: Question on BP Whiting oil release

Thanks much.

Kasey, when you get a moment my question is below. If it's easier, please feel free to call me. My number is also below. Thank you again.

Beth

From: Cantello, Nicole [<mailto:cantello.nicole@epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 11:36 AM

To: Barton, Kasey; Wallace, Elizabeth

Subject: FW: Question on BP Whiting oil release

Hi Beth:

Meet Kasey Barton. She's the attorney assigned to the BP release. I'm sure she'll be able to help you with the questions you have.

Best,

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From: Wallace, Elizabeth [<mailto:EWallace@atg.state.il.us>]

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 10:48 AM

To: Cantello, Nicole

Subject: Question on BP Whiting oil release

Hello Nichole,

Are you involved with this matter? I saw a press release that the coast guard said there was no more oil in Lake Michigan and on the shoreline from the BP release and that the booms are starting to be removed. Do we know whether they checked the floor of Lake Michigan for oil that may have sunk? I'm thinking about what happened in Marshall, Michigan (Kalamazoo river) – the pipeline carried tar sands oil (unknownst to USEPA), and the material had sunk to the river bed. Obviously the booms did not and do not address this pollution.

If you're not involved, will you direct me to who is?

Thanks much.

Beth

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